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MEMORANDUM TO: THE DIRECTOR, CIA

FROM: Assistant Director for Special Operations

SUBJECT: Development and Production of Communications Equipment  
During War or General Mobilization

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1. In the event of war or general mobilization of the nation's production facilities, the continued effective development and production of communications-electronics equipment essential to so many of the Agency's operations may well depend upon two factors:

a. Complete and official consideration of the Agency's requirements by the National Security Resources Board in the matter of allocation of production facilities and materials in the already critical electronics industry.

b. Officially recognized and effective representation at technical communications and engineering levels with the controlling research and development panels of the Armed Forces and other appropriate authorities.

2. It is believed that CIA membership on the following panels will provide adequate technical liaison in addition to that already in effect:

a. Appropriate working panels of the Joint Communications-Electronics Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCEC).

b. The Panel on Communications-Electronics of the Research and Development Board (RDB).

c. Interdepartmental Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC).

3. It appears that measures which will insure the above requirements should be undertaken as soon as possible. This is particularly true in respect to the NSRB controls.

4. Suggested letters requesting official CIA representation on the above panels and a working arrangement with the NSRB are forwarded herewith.

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